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To the Editor TTD,

Those who appear to rely on assistance/information from the CIA in the preparation of their JFK assassination books ~~come~~ risk coming up with ~~the~~ some new and indeed startling "facts." We have already seen in my letter to TTD of September 1993 how Mr. Epstein shortened LHO's hitch in the Marines to only two years in ~~the~~ his preface to Assassination Chronicles.

Now we have Gerald Posner stating in a caption under a picture of LHO in hunting togs in Case Closed that LHO was really home on leave in Fort Worth in February 1958, rather than sharing the hardship of a trip to the Phillipines and adjacent waters with his buddies in MACS-1 from Japan.

Apparently, Mr. Posner has not read Bob Cutler's alias OSWALD, else he would have taken the next logical step of having LHO stop in Santa Ana, California for the mysterious dental exam on 26 March 1958 — the exam that Cutler says was performed on Hidell since Oswald was overseas on that date, and that the U.S. Navy has not been able to explain/explain away!

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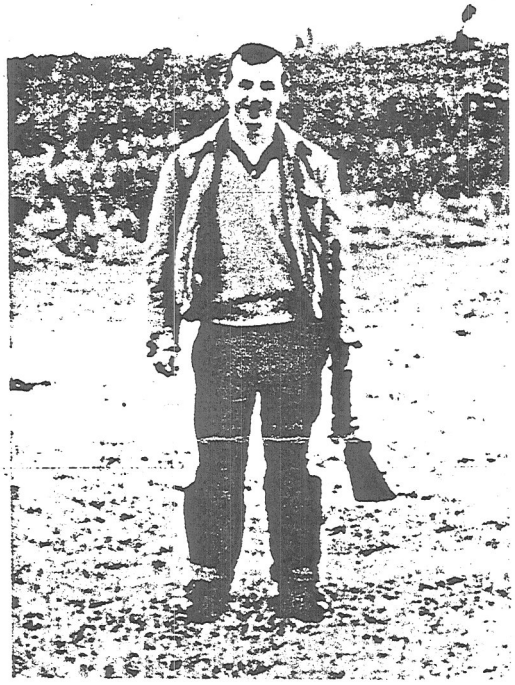
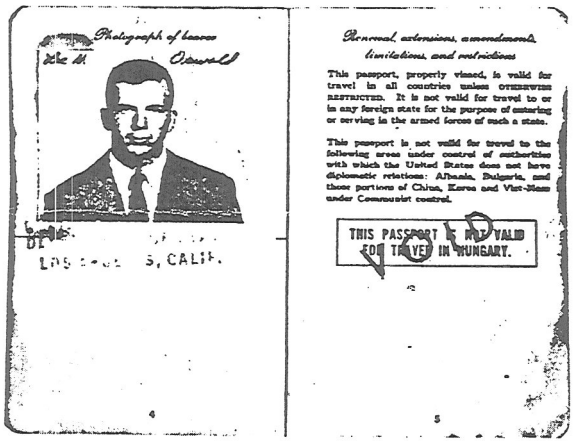
The Marines

A week after his seventeenth birthday, Lee followed his brother Robert into the Marine Corps, where he was court-martialed twice. *(National Archives)*



A rare photo of Lee hunting while on his first leave from the Marines in February 1958, when he visited his family in Fort Worth, Texas. *(Courtesy of Robert L. Oswald)*



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Lee H. Oswald

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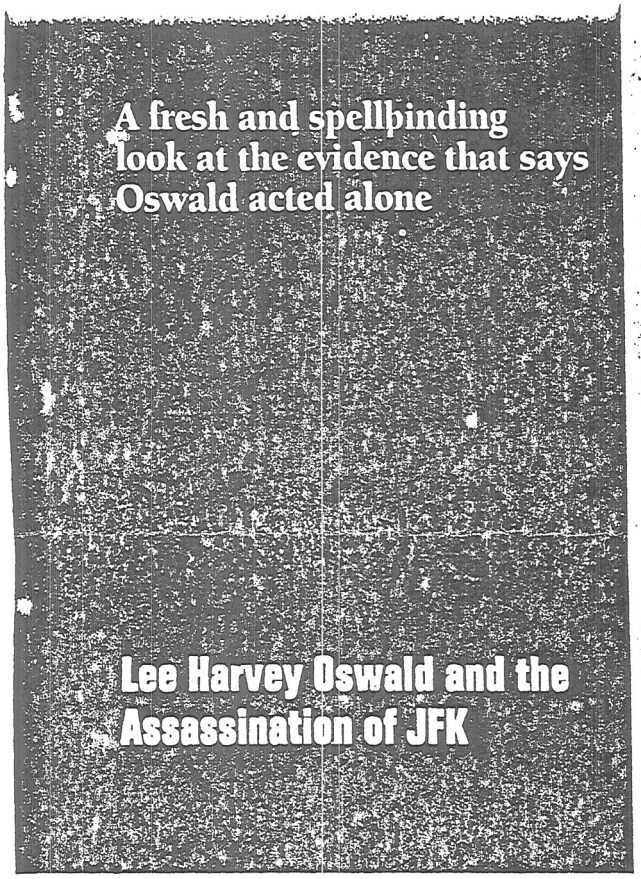
Oswald's passport, issued on September 10, 1959, one day before his release from the Marines. Devoted to Marxism from the age of fifteen, he planned for nearly two years to defect to the Soviet Union. *(National Archives)*

CASE CLOSED (1993)



"I cannot believe that any rational reader will finish Gerald Posner's book and still be persuaded that there was a conspiracy"—William Styron

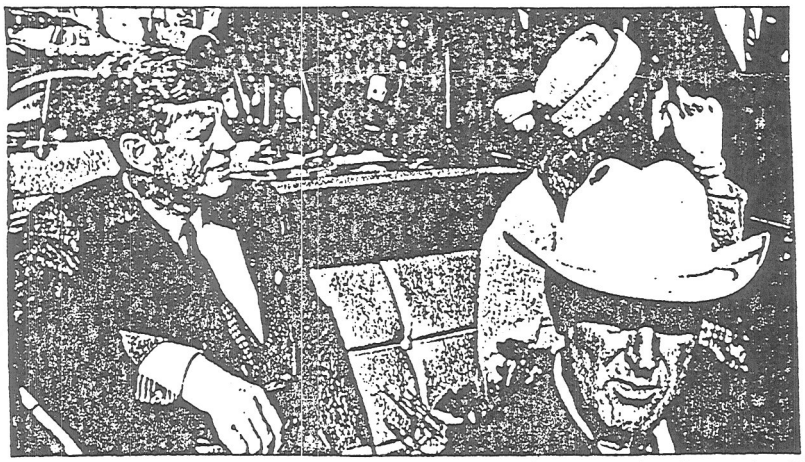
THERE ARE, GERALD POSNER writes, more than 2000 books on the Kennedy assassination, most of them devoted to disproving the "lone gunman" hypothesis and promoting one conspiracy theory or another. In his meticulously researched *Case Closed*, Posner, a journalist, lawyer and author of *Hitler's Children*, shows how the Warren Commission inadvertently opened up opportunities for conspiracy advocates—and puts to rest each of their theories one by one.

Lee Harvey Oswald

Case Closed is as well-written, well-argued and well-documented a statement of the Lee Harvey Oswald-as-lone-assassin theory as we are likely to get. Posner is persuasive on the three central elements: that there were only three bullets, that they all came from Oswald's rifle from the sixth floor of the Texas Book Depository (forget the grassy knoll) and that there was no way Oswald and Jack Ruby could have been co-conspirators.

Posner's argument for the "magic bullet"—the theory that one bullet went through both Kennedy and Governor John Connally—is especially convincing. Based on computerized simulations that weren't available to the Warren Commission, his presentation is thorough and logical and was enough to convince Governor Connally, who long maintained it couldn't have been a single bullet, that the "magic bullet" was indeed possible.

Posner's in-depth profiles of Oswald and Ruby and his painful reconstruction of the historic moments of November 22, 1963, complete the picture. *Case Closed* is an utterly convincing argument.



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